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In the Claims:

1.(original) An aqueous hard surface cleaning and/or sanitizing composition which comprises:

a germicide system consisting of an alkali metal hydroxide and an organic solvent selected from alcohols, glycol ethers and mixtures thereof which imparts to said composition germicidal efficacy against both Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria

0.01 – 20%wt. of an anionic surfactant;

an-alkali metal hydroxide;

0 – 20%wt. soap;

solvent selected from alcohol, glycol ether, or mixture thereof; and  
water.

2.(canceled)

3.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 2 wt.%.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10 wt.%.

6. (canceled)

7. (canceled)

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8. (currently amended)      The composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is a mixture of alcohol and glycol ether.
- 9.(canceled)
- 10.(canceled)
11. (currently amended)      The composition according to claim 1 -~~10~~ wherein the organic solvent is an alcohol.
12. (currently amended)      The composition according to claim 1 -~~10~~ wherein the alcohol is benzyl alcohol.
13. (currently amended)      The composition according to claim 1 -~~10~~ wherein the organic solvent is a glycol ether.
14. (previously presented)      The composition according to claim 1 -~~10~~ wherein the glycol ether is propylene glycol phenyl ether.
15. (canceled)
16. (canceled)
17. (canceled)
18. (canceled)
- 19.(withdrawn)      A process for the sanitization of hard surfaces and articles wherein the presence of bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

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contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

20.(withdrawn) A process for the sanitization of surfaces and articles wherein the presence of bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 9 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 characterized in that:

the compositions provide at least a  $2 \log_{10}$  ~~2-log10~~ reduction of *Salmonella choleraesuis* using a Biomek assay at a 15 second contact time.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) The A composition according to claim 1 characterized in that:

the compositions exhibit blooming when diluted in water at a ratio of 1 part of the composition to 10 to 100 parts of water.

26. (new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions comprise a soap.

27. (new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions further comprise one or more nonionic, cationic, amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactants.

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28. (new) The composition according to claim 27 wherein the compositions further comprise a nonionic surfactant.

29. (new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the compositions have a pH of 12.75 or greater.

30.(new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent comprises an alcohol having a benzyl group and/or a glycol ether having a phenyl group.